पर आयात शुल्क को घटा दिया गया है और उनके मुक्त आयात की अनुमति दे दी गई है । वर्ष 1993-94 के केन्द्रीय बजट में कृषि क्षेत्र के लिए पहले ही अनेक प्रोत्साहनों की घोषणा की जा चुकी है । इन परिवर्तनों के फलस्वरूप आशा है कि कृषि क्षेत्र से निर्यात को काफी प्रोत्साहन मिलेगा ।

(ग) यह निर्णय किया गया है कि इस क्षेत्र से निर्यात के लिए लक्ष्य निश्चित किया जाए ताकि इस क्षेत्र से डालर के रूप में निर्यात आय में कम-से-कम 12.5% की वृद्धि हो सके ।

**Excise Revenue Earned on Cigarettes**

*10. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of cigarettes produced from one Kg. of F.C.V. Tobacco; and

(b) what is the average excise revenue collected from those cigarettes ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) 1000 to 1400 cigarettes are produced from one kg. of FCV tobacco depending on whether the cigarette is filter or non-filter, filter size, length and diameter of the cigarette, etc.

(b) The total excise revenue collected from 82 billion pieces of cigarettes produced during 1991-92 was Rs. 2387 crores, which works out to an average revenue of Rs. 291/- on a thousand cigarettes.

**Beedi workers in Andhra Pradesh; and**

*11. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item captioned "Hunger stalks tribal beedi workers' appearing in the Times of India dated April 13, 1993;

(b) if so, whether Government have obtained a report on the conditions of tribal beedi workers in Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) what steps are proposed to prevent starvation amongst this section of labour ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PIABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The matter is under the scrutiny of Government and an emergent report has been called for from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh.

**Issue of Value Based Advanced Licence for Imports**

*12. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA :

SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have stopped issuing value based advance, licences for the import of raw materials at International prices ;

(b) whether Government have made any analysis with regard to its impact on the Chemical and dye stuff Exporters, which has left their export contracts in jeopardy;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof stating the reasons for taking such a decision by Government; and

(d) whether Government propose to review it ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) No, Sir. Value based Advance Licensing Scheme introduced w.e.f. 1-4-1992 is continuing.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.